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### News and Comment

Sure enough, if we keep on expanding who will be the foreigners to pay our tariff taxes.

C. C. Lucas and Ollie Moore, of near Santa Fe, made the MESSAGE a substantial call last Friday.

Col. Green Clay, of Mexico, is enjoying the sunshine of the South at his plantation in Mississippi.

The Leader at Sturgeon wants to bond that city and put in an electric light plant. City Ownership—you're right, Bro. Greer.

The Trenton Tribune tells of a fence made of such crooked rails that every time a pig tries to crawl thru it he comes out on the same side he went in.

A Mason City woman is suing her husband for divorce on the grounds that he gives his hound dogs more attention than he does her. "Sweet she has good grounds."

The Sheriff of Ralls county, who has old men Jester in charge, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for collector of his county next spring. He carries the gawson charm of an Indian's finger in his pocket, and as all men are more or less superstitious all his opponents are fearing that Indian finger.

Clipped from the Auxvasse Review: T. L. McCubbin, of Mexico, came out Monday, and Tuesday he loaded his household goods into wagons and moved to Mexico where he will make his home in the future. We regret very much to lose this excellent family from Auxvasse, and the best wishes of the entire community are with them in their new home.

Said by the Montgomery City Standard: Elias Harding, who recently moved back from Audrain, after an absence of several years, celebrated his return by buying a pair of mules from John T. Hensley, who says they are the best pair in the county, 16½ hands high, and weigh 5700 lbs. He paid \$500 for them. Harding lives on the Bernard Pratt farm.

The remains of Mrs. Alice Steele, wife of Dr. W. A. Steele, who died of appendicitis at her home at Carmi, Ill., last Tuesday week, were brought to Mexico for interment. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Hicks. Deceased was a member in high standing of the M. E. church. Mr. R. T. Steele, of Laddonia, and Mr. Oliver and Miss Mary Steele, of the State University, attended the funeral.

The friends of this paper are particularly reminded that they have a perfect right to designate in what paper their legal advertisements shall appear, and administrators, guardians, and all others having legal printing of any kind to be done can help us much if they will give their preference to the MESSAGE. Do this, friends, and help a home industry. We have had a number of years experience in handling legal notices of all kinds for publication, and guarantee correct-

### A BAD MEASURE.

"Quantity of Money" and Not "Kind of Money" Is What Is Needed.

Congressman Caldwell of Illinois was asked his opinion the other day of the proposed gold standard bill originated by the Republicans in Congress. Mr. Caldwell is a practical banker, and his opinion is especially interesting. He says the bill is a conspicuous instance of class legislation, and he hits some center points in the following:

"In my opinion, the title of the financial bill prepared by the Republican Finance Committee is misleading, because, instead of being 'a bill to define and fix a standard of value,' its object, pure and simple, is to fasten the single gold standard of money more firmly on the nation. It proves to the East that they correctly interpreted the Republican platform of 1896, while with larcenous pliancy it tells the timid-fists of the Central and Western States that international timidity, as used in that platform, meant nothing, and was simply inserted as a sop with which to catch votes. Had the bill been prepared by the same number of national bank presidents as constituted the Finance Committee, it would not have been made any more acceptable to the national banks. It not only perpetuates the increase of circulation from 90 cents to 100 cents on the dollar, but it decreases the total capital surplus and individual profits of national banks to one-fifth of 1 per cent per annum."

"Had the second clause of the bill been prepared by a committee representing the large holders of United States bonds, it could not have been made more in their interest, because it deliberately reaches back and makes all the bonds heretofore issued payable in gold. Inasmuch as all interest-bearing obligations of the United States now command a premium, this clause is not necessary to keep these obligations on a parity with gold. If done for that purpose, then it is proper that the committee attempt to demonstrate that such an enactment is for the benefit of others than the holders of such bonds. The committee in its report does not attempt to show that such an enactment is necessary to the establishment of the single gold standard, and in the absence of such attempted proof, and with all United States bearing obligations commanding a premium, the inevitable and only conclusion is that it is for the sole benefit of the owners of such obligations. A piece of more distinctly class legislation than this bill could not have been devised."

"In connection with the statement of the committee regarding the bill that the kind of money in which payments shall be made will vary, if, after the subject of disbursements is properly stated, that, taking into consideration the efforts of Secretary Gage to buy Government bonds to relieve the tightened and at times almost paralytic condition of the money market, it would be unwise to better our position as to the kind of money, especially to persons of means and small means, if more at ease, and see a pill to quantify them to 'kind of money.'"

"Today there is more discussion by the business men of 'kind of money,' for the reason that at a kind of money paragon convention, while the influence of the Secretary of the Treasury."

"This bill does not attempt to increase the circulation of the volume of money, and is not only bad as a whole, but is without a redeeming feature. It should be beaten, and I predict that it will defeat in 1900 the party which is responsible for its passage."

"Mrs. Mollie Brown of Laddonia, returned home last week from a visit at Wentzville."

Mrs. M. L. Pabbe, of St. Louis, well known in Mexico, places her name upon the MESSAGE subscription list.

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How many are homeless and poor to day because they let their insurance run out? They thought that surely their homes, which had esaped burning for years while it was insured, would not take fire for a few days until they had time to have the insurance renewed. Oh, the thousands who have been ruined in life by waiting a few days.—Success.

### Home Manufacture.

The Columbia Statesman says something is wanted in that town—Yankees. The MESSAGE thinks the same thing is wanted in Mexico. The Statesman argues the matter so well that we quote below how it connects the case with another subject. The Statesman says:

"The Yankees, whatever else they may be, are a shrewd, industrious, enterprising, manufacturing people. They make nearly everything this country uses. They buy our raw material and make us pay dearly for the same article in the finished product. It is by this method that the east controls the west. When the west goes into the manufacturing business, and only then, will this condition change."

Then the constant flow of money from west to east will cease. In the east every little town is a manufacturing center."

"The Statesman has often suggested that factories be established in Columbia. We have argued the matter from every standpoint. Again we insist, there is money for capitalists and laborers who will engage in the manufacture of certain commercial articles. We have the raw material for many things. Look at our inexhaustible beds of coal; our splendid beds of fire clay; broad forests of timber; quarries of building stone, and yet we are content to let these things remain almost untouched and buy from abroad what we could make at home."



Dr. J. J. Porter, who is holding a very successful revival meeting at the Mexico Baptist church, of which he is pastor.

### Some Folks.

Some folks is always a moanin' 'Cause somethin' done gone wrong; 'Cause dismal so't of groanin' Makes up dale life-long song. Deam nevaah see no beauty Reflected from on high; Jus' reckons its dale duty To sigh, sigh, sigh.

Dean it's grumle, grumle, grumle! Grumle all de day. Deam nevaah try For to look at de sky, De grumle-dah life away.

Some folks is always a trottin' 'Cause dey has so much we, En all de time forgettin' De mostly makes it so. De day ain't got no worries De day kin call dah own, De catches some one else's, En moan, moan, moan.

Dean it's grumle, grumle, grumle! Grumle all de day. Deam nevaah try For to look at de sky, De grumle-dah life away.

Some folks dey always grumles About disloyal and dah; De sits round and mumbles, En wonders where dey's at, Wakes airy in de mornin' En feels jus' like dey nuss! Begin right wif de dawnin' To fuss, fuss, fuss.

Dean it's grumle, grumle, grumle! Grumle all de day. Deam nevaah try For to look at de sky, De grumle-dah life away.

### The Critical Moment.

"The mill can never grind with the water that is dead."

Thousands of people are living in poverty and wretchedness, some of them in poorhouses, stung by the foundation of being considered failures in life, simply because they neglected to seize the critical moment, to grasp the opportunity when it was presented. They let the opportune time slip by, thinking it would return, but it never did.

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### Missouri Crop Report.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 1.—The United States Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Missouri section, for November, is as follows:

"The weather during November, 1899, was remarkably mild throughout the State, and while in most sections there was less precipitation than usual, the supply of moisture was generally sufficient for the growth of wheat and small grasses, except in a few northern counties, where more rain was needed."

"On the whole, the weather could hardly have been more favorable for the wheat crop, which is reported in excellent condition in nearly every county. Grasses and small crops did considerable damage to wheat in a few counties during October, but since the last frost of the first week of November little or no damage has been done by frosts."

"In a number of the Central and Eastern counties, however, early snows which are reported to be full of the eggs of the Hessian fly. As a result of the unusually warm weather which in some districts has made a very rank growth, and as the plants are tender, it is feared that should a sudden freeze occur, much damage would result. In some counties the fields are being plowed. In general, however, the outlook is unusually promising."

"Corn gathering is well advanced in all sections, and in many counties is practically completed, the winter having been exceptionally favorable for that work. In some of the Northern counties much of the corn is of poor quality, due to the late planting, having been killed by frost at the close of September."

Counting on Uncle Sam.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech at a luncheon at Leicester to day, said that ever since the great split in the Liberal party he had found himself a mark for the slanders and misrepresentations of the "chaser sort of politicians," but that he had found compensation in the generous appreciation of the majority of his countrymen. He was deeply gratified that the foreign relations of Great Britain were so satisfactory and asserted that the country owed a debt of gratitude to Lord Salisbury for the great improvement in Great Britain's position. It was especially gratifying, he said, to note the friendly relations existing between the Anglo-Saxon branches; that the understanding between the United States and Great Britain was indeed a guarantee of the peace of the world.

This statement was greeted with cheers. It was of the utmost importance, Mr. Chamberlain further remarked, that Great Britain should not remain isolated in Europe and her natural allies with the great German Empire. They had difficulties with Germany, but their interests and sentiments were the same.

### We'll be After 'Em.

Houston Herald.

Hon. David A. Ball's speech in this city last Monday afternoon made a strong impression on the voters who heard him and all who have expressed themselves in our hearing were earnest in their praise of the speaker's force and eloquence. His address was full of

wit and humor complete in its reason and argument, and a thorough application of Democratic principles to the leading national issues. His arguments were invincible and unanswerable and created great enthusiasm among the immense crowd that filled the court room to overflowing. Defeats and reverses may come, but Democracy will not down, and when Mr. Ball's remarks reached their climax in the mention of that brilliant leader, Wm. J. Bryan, the old court house fairly shook with the rounds of applause. We'll be after 'em in 1900.

### Hobart on the Administration.

Mr. Hobart determined the administration's policy in the Philippines by casting the deciding vote in the Senate against Senator Bacon's amendment. Otherwise it would have pledged the United States to withdraw from the Philippines and recognize the Filipino government.

He was the President's confidential adviser.

He made the administration a social success and hereby ate himself to death.

He was worth \$1,500,000 and had an enormous life insurance. The Equitable Life alone carried him for \$100,000.

He was president of four corporations and director in twenty-six others.

He was not a clubman. His favorite amusement in the evening was playing cards and telling or listening to stories.

In Washington he and Mark Hanna were chums and frequently spent their evenings together.

### It is Whispered About

That water's blast have been cut short a month by this good weather at last.

That, for that, Mark Hanna will put the trusts for campaign funds.

That the country candidates will soon begin to come out of the woods in need of earnest.

That the revival meeting at the Baptist church has wrought a great good already.

That the only way a scandal can improve is to die.

That your neighbors all know more about you than you think.

That matinee may be made in heaven, but love may be made in any one place.

That endorsements of the municipal oversight of the Mexico electric light plant are spreading like wild fire.

That the MESSAGE is gaining new friends every day.

### Musn't Smoke or Drink.

LEWIS, Mo., Nov. 3.—Judge Broadbent, in paroling Albert Farmer, who was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for burglary committed at Smithville, told him not to begin in drinking cigarettes or whiskey, the parole would end and he would be ordered to the penitentiary.

Mrs. Jessie Purcell, of Mexico, visited her friends last week.

Ed. S. D. Butler and J. A. Huntington have been holding an interesting and profitable revival meeting in Highland Addition, in Santa Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sattman, near Laddonia, spent last Sunday with Mexico friends. Mrs. Sattman has been suffering for years with rheumatism and just recently, thru Dr. A. C. White of Mexico, discovered that her eyes were the cause of her trouble. The proper remedy has been a pinch and Mrs. Sattman is a very happy woman.

Ed. J. D. Greer was recently called to preach another year, one Sunday, the month for the Christian church at Laddonia. Ed. Greer has been called for the sixth year to the pastorate of the Christian church at New Bloomfield, Callaway county. He is giving the church at Kahoka, Clark county, the other half of his time.

### Longfellow's First Poem.

Longfellow began to write verse when he was only nine years old, and it may encourage other verse-makers to know that his first effort at wooing the Muses was not a very brilliant one. One day at school, Henry with other members of his class, was asked by his teacher to write a composition on any subject. The future poet, on the spur of the moment, could think of nothing more inspiring to write about than a turnip, and the following poem was produced:—

Mr. Finney had a turnip,  
And it grew behind the barn;  
And it grew, and it grew,  
And it never did any harm.

And it grew, and it grew,  
Till it could grow no taller,  
When Mr. Finney pulled it up  
And put it in the cellar.

And it lay, and it lay,  
Till it there began to rot,  
When his daughter Susie washed it,  
And put it in the pot.

And it boiled, and it boiled,  
As long as it was able;  
When his daughter Lizzie took it,  
And put it on the table.

Mr. Finney and his family,  
They all sat down to sup,  
And they ate, and they ate,  
Till they ate the turnip up.

### India Going Backward.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 1.—"England has destroyed the factories which once existed in India in favor of Manchester and Birmingham. She has made India what it is, but she has not been able to reduce it to that state which common rumor has it a decayed country," said Sister Nivedita of the Order of Remakrishna of Calcutta, at the monthly meeting of the Chicago Art and Crafts Society tonight. Her subject was "Ancient Art in India," and she drew a comparison between the conditions of the crafts as they exist to-day in India and as they were hundreds of years ago. While she admitted that India had gone back in some things, she held that it was due to action of the English Government in hiding the true resources of the country from the world at large.

### More Missouri Mules.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 1.—The British Government is so well pleased with the 8,000 Missouri mules it has already purchased that it will buy a second lot, but how many has not yet been determined. The transport Anilmo de Larraga sailed for Cape Town to-day with 1,000 mules. Captains Smith and Marsh were to be detailed on the Anilmo, but received telegraphic orders to-day to remain in the United States for several weeks longer for the purpose of visiting the West and buying additional mules. The cargo, therefore, went in charge of Dr. Stephen Bout of the University of Pennsylvania, who will fill an important position in the British veterinary service in South Africa. The second lot of mules will leave here for Cape Town on Dec. 10, with 1,000 mules, comprising an equal number of the first lot. By this time the British War Department will have made up its mind how many more mules are needed for South African service, and Captains Smith and Marsh will be detailed to make purchases in St. Louis, Kansas City and other mule markets.

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